



INSIGHTS

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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

House

This week, House activities include:

- Vote on a 2nd Continuing Resolution

Senate

This week, Senate activities include:

- Vote on a 2nd Continuing Resolution
- Continued debate on FY 2003 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies
- Committee on Environment and Public Works hearing on school siting issues including green building codes

FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolution Congress passed and sent to the President *H. J. Res. 111*, a bill to keep the Federal Government operational through Friday, October 4. The continuing resolution (CR) funds Federal programs at the FY 2002 budget level, provides no funding for new initiatives, and includes the FY 2002 Emergency Supplemental. A second CR is pending in the House, which may be voted on this week followed by action in the Senate. A third CR is expected to be passed before the tentative adjournment date of October 11 to continue appropriations for an extended period of time. Congress appears to be divided over whether to extend the third CR into the fall of 2002 or calendar year 2003.

The Administration has urged Congress not to exceed the FY 2002 baseline of \$744 billion, which includes both FY 2002 appropriations and the supplemental. Currently, there are two FY 2003 appropriations bills in conference (Defense and Military Construction) with the 11 remaining bills either pending conference, floor vote, or committee or subcommittee mark up. The Administration and the House have proposed a FY 2003 budget of \$749 billion while the Senate is working on a budget of \$778 billion, far exceeding the President's request.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

Comprehensive Energy Legislation House and Senate conferees are scheduled to resume negotiations on the *H.R. 4/S. 517* this week. Conferees will meet on October 1 with tentative plans to meet again on October 2 and 3. This week, negotiators may focus on the following issues:

- Energy Research and Development
- Alternative Fuels in vehicles
- Electricity Restructuring

- Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Tax Incentives
- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

To date, conferees have agreed on provisions dealing with **energy efficiency in Federal buildings and fleets**, Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards, permanent authorization for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, energy development on Indian lands, programs to promote rural and remote energy infrastructure, increased funding for state energy grant programs, among other issues.

The conference leadership hopes to resolve House and Senate differences by the end of this week and vote on a bill before Congress adjourns. Last week, the House made initial overtures to the Senate to reduce the acreage to 2000 for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in exchange for adoption of climate change provisions favored by the Senate. To date, no deal has been achieved. Also last week, the President met with House and Senate leaders to urge passage of an energy bill; he did not indicate whether he would veto a bill that excluded controversial ANWR language. October 11 remains the tentative date for adjournment.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

No new information of interest to report.

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SENATE

No new information of interest to report.

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III. STATUS OF FY03 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation ns/ Approve d Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation ns/Approv ed Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
Agriculture \$17.051	\$ 17.601	HR 5263	7/11	7/26		\$ 17.980	S 2801	7/25		
Commerce \$ 40.333	\$ 40.726	-	7/18			\$ 43.475	S 2778	7/18		
Defense \$356.598	\$354.7	HR 5010	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 355.1	-	7/18	8/1	Pending
Energy and Water Development \$25.149	\$ 26.027	HR 5431	9/05			\$ 26.300	S 2784	7/24		
Interior \$18.953	\$ 19.8	HR 5093	7/9	7/17		\$ 19.35	S. 2708	6/27	Week of Sept. 30	
Labor / HHS \$129.902	\$129.902	HR 5320				\$133.988	S 2766	7/18		
Military Construction \$ 9.541	\$ 10.083	HR 5011	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 10.622	S 2709	6/27	7/18	Pending
Transportation \$ 19.851	\$ 19.411	-	Oct. 1			\$ 21.1	S 2808	7/25		
Treasury \$ 17.960	\$ 18.501	HR 5120	7/9	7/24		\$ 18.501	S 2740	7/16		
VA/HUD \$ 92.518	\$ 91.841	-				\$ 91.434	S 2797	7/25		

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

SENATE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

FY 2003 Defense Appropriations On September 27, President Bush issued a statement encouraging Congress to complete conference negotiations on *H.R. 5010 – FY 2003 Defense Appropriations*. In his remarks he said:

The defense budget I submitted hadn't made it to my desk yet. Here we are trying to defend the homeland, and it's stuck. The House passed it; the Senate passed it. Now it's time for the leadership in Washington, D.C. to get the defense bill to my desk before they go home. It's important for – it's important signal to send. And they ought to stop playing politics with defense appropriations at this time in American history.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>October 1 -</i> Committee on Environment and Public Works <i>(NEW)</i>	James Jeffords (I/VT)	<i>Hearing –</i> To examine environmental standards for schools such as school siting in relation to toxic waste sites and green building codes, focusing on environmental and energy concerns relevant to school properties.	Secretary of Energy Abraham Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Green Building Council, Healthy Schools Network, among others	10:00 a.m. Room 406 Dirksen Office Building

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date/Committee	Bill	Time/Location
<i>October 1 –</i> <i>(October 2 and 3)</i> <i>Tentative Meeting</i> <i>Dates)</i> <i>(Ongoing)</i>	Meeting of conferees on <i>H.R.4/S.517</i> , to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.	4:00 p.m. Room 325 Russell Office Building TBD – October 2 and 3

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